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2016 NWOAL Tournament

Auglaize Golf Club

Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

NWOAL Boys -- September 23, 2016

The Rules (2012-15) of the United States Golf Association govern play. The "Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for USGA" is in effect for this event, as well as the additional Local Rules and Conditions noted below.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS TWO STROKES.

1. **USGA** and **OHSAA** rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.
2. **Format** - Stroke play a stipulated round of 18 holes; Boys - White Tees.
3. **Out of Bounds** – Defined by White Markers, inside edges at ground level. Stroke and Distance, Rule 27-1.
4. **Water Hazards** – Defined by Yellow Markers, inside edges at ground level. Relief by Rule 26-1.
5. **Lateral Hazards** – Defined by Red Markers, inside edges at ground level. Relief by Rule 26-1c.
6. **On Hole #1, drop area for water hazard is in front of tee.**
7. **On right side of hole #2, Out of Bounds is played as Lateral Hazard.**
8. **Embedded ball** rule is in effect through the green.
9. **Electronic (cell phones)** – are prohibited on the course during play by players, coaches (unless calling for a ruling), and spectators.
Players - First violation – 2 stroke penalty. Second violation – disqualification. Spectators and coaches will be asked to leave the course.
10. **Ground under repair (GUR)** - marked with white lines/stakes. Severely damaged areas of the course caused by non-burrowing animals (geese/skunks) are played as ground under repair.
11. **Flower Beds**, mulched and newly seeded areas mandatory relief.
12. **Obstructions:** Cart paths (nearest point), stance and swing.
13. **Natural Habitat area:** All long unmowed and natural grass areas are in play: there is NO relief.
14. **Questionable Play: If you are in doubt** as to procedure or a rules situation, **Invoke rule 3-3**. Play out your original ball and a second ball taking your relief. Must declare which ball you wish to score with (if rules permit) to your marker before any action is taken. Record both scores and **before signing your card** discuss with the rules committee or at the scoring area, your situation.
15. **Provisional Ball:** You may play a provisional ball for a ball that MAY be Out of Bounds or lost OUTSIDE of a hazard. You must announce "A Provisional Ball" to your competitors before going forward.
16. **Spectators** are not allowed any conversation with players, and MUST stay on cart paths or rough.
EXCEPTION: The school **head coach may** speak with his/her players, without any delay of play, between a green completed and **the next tee, providing there is no delay in play.**
17. The **coaching regulation** permits the school board-approved coach/designee assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), **without delay of play**, at any time provided regulations are followed.
18. **Range Finders** are permitted for use in all competition during regular season and tournament play provided the range finder is not part of a communication device (such as a cellular phone application) and meets the rules and standards set by the USGA.
19. **Conduct.** A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for unsporting conduct. Unsporting conduct shall include but not be limited to club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course, use of abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsporting conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed may result in disqualification.
20. **Playoff(Ties):** Ties will be resolved by rule, as needed.
21. At conclusion of play, **players must report to the scorer's table without delay (no talking to spectators or parents)**. All players should remain in the scoring area until all cards for the group are turned in and checked by the scorer. **Be sure to tell the scorer if you have any issue that needs resolution.** Once a scorecard is signed and attested, and the player leaves the scoring area, all scores are final! Only players should be in the scoring area.
22. **Rules Committee:** Eric Oakes (Swanton), Joe Pennington (Patrick Henry), Jon Mignin (Delta) and Ken Baumgartner. **Matt Mennetti**, Ironwood Pro, will be available by telephone, if needed. All rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

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Notes to Participants

Use of Tobacco/Substances are not allowed: Participants (coach, players, managers, etc) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or anywhere on Auglaize facilities during any tournament. Penalty for any violation of this rule will be disqualification.

YARDAGE MARKERS:

200 yards: Marked with blue fairway markers.

150 yards: Marked with white fairway markers.

100 yards: Marked with red fairway markers.

Sprinkler heads are marked. All distances are measured to the center of the green.

Rules for Spectators

From the OHSAA Handbook 2016-17 OHSAA GOLF REGULATIONS

7) Spectators

Spectators are permitted, but are NOT permitted to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of contestants in each foursome to caution ANY spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants in their group. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of disqualification of contestants involved.

From the USGA, spectators:

- Are permitted to WALK on the course.
- Must stay OFF fairways.
- Turn OFF cell phones. People using cell phones will receive one warning; second time – phone will be taken!
- Spectators should stay 20-50 yards from players at all times, should be in front or behind players.
- May help search for golf balls.
- Must have NO conversation with players. They may applaud and/or say good putt or hit.
- Must stay at least 20 yards from green and tees.

Attention Coaches

The Ohio High School Athletic Association establishes the rules and procedures for high school golf in the state of Ohio. Please comply with the following rules.

1. *The OHSAA rules prohibit the use of a golf cart for spectators at all Sectional, District, and State Tournament competitions.
2. *Please refer to the following link for policy on the OHSAA on the use of Motorized Carts and Americans with Disabilities (ADA): <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/go/TournamentADAMotorizedCartPolicy.pdf>
3. A coach must be present with athletes throughout the tournament.
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* OHSAA Tournament Play